

DESCRIPTION AND JUSTIFICATION

JULY 1, 2004 ANNUAL ACCESS CHARGE TARIFF FILING

MOULTRIE INDEPENDENT TELEPHONE COMPANY

**Tariff F.C.C. No. 1
Transmittal No. 17**

**Issue Date: June 16, 2004
Effective Date: July 1, 2004**

General

This is the July 1, 2004 Annual Access Charge Tariff Filing for Moultrie Independent Telephone Company (the Company) pursuant to Part 61.38 of the Commission's rules, and also pursuant to DA 04-1048 and DA 04-1049. This interstate access service tariff filing consists of revised tariff pages with an issue date of June 16, 2004, and an effective date of July 1, 2004.

In accordance with DA 04-1048, cost support consisting of Tariff Review Plan (TRP) schedules in Microsoft Excel spreadsheet format are provided as part of this filing. Also provided with this filing is the following: 1) Description and Justification (D&J); 2) FCC Form 492 for 2003; and 3) Certification for the accuracy of the support data.

The transmittal letter, revised tariff pages, TRP schedules, the D&J, FCC Form 492, and the Certification statement are being filed electronically.

Annual Filing Background and FCC Form 492 Submission

The Company converted from Historical (61.39) to Prospective filing status pursuant to 61.38 of the Commission's rules with an annual access filing effective July 3, 2001. All forecast data requested in the COS-2 schedule is now available unlike in past years since this is Moultrie's fourth consecutive annual filing under Part 61.38 rules.

In addition, because the Company converted to 61.38 status with the July 3, 2001 annual access filing, the Company was only required to file an FCC Form 492 by March 31, 2002 for the period July 1, 2001 through December 31, 2002 (6 months of data). This FCC Form 492 was filed as required. An FCC Form 492 for the period July 1, 2001 through December 31, 2002 was filed as required by March 31, 2003 (18 months of data). The final FCC Form 492 for the 2001-2002 monitoring period was filed as required by September 30, 2003. The FCC Form 492 for the period January 1, 2003 through December 31, 2003 was filed as required on March 31, 2004.

Cost Support – Tariff Review Plan (TRP) Schedules

The cost support included with this filing consists of the following Tariff Review Plan (TRP) schedules:

COS-1(P)	MAG-2	RTE-2	DMD-1 p. 3	DMD-4	BSF-1
COS-1(H)	REV-1	RTE-3	DMD-2	DMD-5	RORDEM-1
COS-2	REV-2	DMD-1	DMD-3	ERN-1	61.38 ACR-1(H)
MAG-1	RTE-1				61.38 ACR-1(P)

Highlighted Information

As with the 2003 annual access filing, in addition to the TRP schedules mentioned above, additional items included with this 2004 annual access filing are addressed below.

1) General Support Facilities Investment Reapportioned as Required by FCC Order

The *Rate-of-Return Access Charge Reform Order* required LECs to reallocate General Support Facilities (GSF) costs to the Billing and Collection (B&C) element in Part 69. This was to be done if the LEC was providing B&C services themselves.

The Company uses a billing vendor to provide B&C functions. Therefore, no reallocation of B&C costs is included in the test period revenue requirements with this filing.

2) FCC Form 492 for 2003

As mentioned previously in this D&J, the Company submitted FCC Form 492 as required for the period January 1, 2003 through December 31, 2003 on March 31, 2004. Since this Form 492 was submitted, Moultrie has completed its final 2003 Part 36/69 cost study, and finalized its actual 2003 revenue information. The 2003 Form 492 included with this filing reflects this updated 2003 cost and revenue information. A copy of this form is included with this filing. The FCC Form 492 for the period January 1, 2003 through December 31, 2004 which will be filed on March 31, 2005 will reflect this updated 2003 information.

3) Part 69 Waivers

The Company is not subject to any Part 69 waivers.

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4) Certification

A certification statement signed by the President of the Company has been provided with this filing. The statement certifies that the historical and forecast data are true, correct and complete to the best of the Company's knowledge.

5) Separate Set of TRP Schedules to FCC

In addition to providing the TRP schedules as part of the Company's filing made electronically, another set has been sent to Raj Kannan in the FCC's Pricing Policy Division of the Wireline Competition Bureau.